

ABSTRACT**IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO PRESENCE SYSTEMS**

- 5 According to one embodiment of the present invention, there is provided apparatus,
for use with a computing device, for selecting a presence status from a number of
available presence statuses comprising:
a data store for storing at least one predeterminable rule;
an activity monitor for monitoring an activity through the device; and
10 logic for determining the presence status based in part on the at least one rule and in
part on the monitored activity.

[FIGURE 2]